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## CALIFORNIA APPROPRIATES MONIES FOR PRESIDIO PARKWAY PROJECT

Action Marks an Important Step for the State's P3 Program and Mitigates Risks Surrounding Future Appropriations and the Legality of Availability Payments

(Sacramento, CA) -- On October 8, 2010, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed an \$87.5 billion spending plan, closing a \$19 billion deficit and ending a 100-day standoff. The budget includes appropriations necessary to cover the milestone and availability payments for the Presidio Parkway Project, the first project to move forward under California's public-private partnership (P3) statute signed last year. In response, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary Dale E. Bonner issued the following statement:

"California leaders have again affirmed that the private sector has an important role to play in rebuilding and modernizing the state's crumbling infrastructure.

"While there has been much speculation and debate surrounding appropriations risks and the legality of availability payments, the Governor and Legislature have now mitigated these risks by making sure that all monies needed to cover future obligations for the Presidio Parkway Project will be available when needed.

"It was just twenty short months ago Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB2X4, and we are currently on target to reach commercial close for this project by year end. The recent legislative action sends a clear message that support for California's P3 program is strong and growing.

"The degree to which availability payments will be used in future projects is yet to be determined. For now, we are pleased that the Public Infrastructure Advisory Commission, California Transportation Commission, and now the California Legislature have all agreed it's an appropriate mechanism for this project."

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